

April 27, 2011

Dear Researchers,

I'm inviting you to be part of the growing excitement building around a landmark international health care conference taking place June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Toronto, co-hosted by AOHC, the Canadian Alliance of Community Health Centre Associations, and the US National Association of Community Health Centers which represents over 1200 Community Health Centres throughout the United States.

*Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow* focuses on global innovations in community-oriented primary health care that are improving health and well-being and helping create more equitable, effective and efficient health care systems.

Program and registration details can be found at: [www.aohc.org/conference](http://www.aohc.org/conference).

Concerning research involving vulnerable populations served by Community Health Centres, there are several plenaries and workshops that may interest you:

#### Plenary

- International Overview of Community Health Centres
- Don Berwick on Quality Improvement in Primary Health Care
- Roy Romanow on Measuring Health Equity

#### Workshops

- Revitalizing Health For All: Learning from Comprehensive Primary Health Care Experiences: Lessons and Experiences from a 22-Country Primary Health Care Research Project
- The Power of Teamwork and Technology to Optimize Client Care: Examining the Evolving Role of Pharmacists, Nurse Practitioners and Electronic Medical Record as "Optimizers" in PHC
- Improving Care for Mental Health and Substance Abuse: A Look at Integration and Partnership Strategies Within the Primary Health Care Continuum
- Building a Sustainable Workforce Model for Primary Health Care in Rural, Remote and Frontier Health Centres: A Look at Alaska's Community Health Aide/Practitioner Program
- Measuring What Matters: Advanced Methods to Assess and Plan Primary Health Care for Clients With Complex Care Needs
- Improving Cultural Safety Among Health Providers Working with Aboriginal Communities: Insights from a Collaborative Health Partnership at Walpole Island First Nation
- Demonstrating a Health Centre's Community Value by Collecting Data Beyond the Clinical: tracking enabling services and community initiatives
- Building the Community Health Centre Interprofessional Workforce of Tomorrow: Lessons and Insights from Canada and the US
- Turning Vision into Reality: Using Research to Communicate the Value of Community Health Centres and inform public policy
- Putting U.S. and Canadian Community Health Centres on the Map: Using Data and Geographic Information Systems to Guide Health Centre Planning and Expansion

- Empowering Communities for Research and Through Research: US and Canadian Examples of Using Research for Change
- Poverty, Racism and the Impact on Health: Making Policy Connections

You will also be very interested to hear keynote presenters from Canada, Europe and the United States, where President Barack Obama has recently doubled the country's national network of Community Health Centers. Speakers include:

- **Dr. Jack Geiger**, founder of the Community Health Center model in the United States and Founding Member of the international group Physicians for Human Rights.
- **Dr. Jan De Maeseneer**, Chairperson of the European Forum for Primary Care and Secretary-General of the International Network Towards Unity for Health.
- **The Honourable Roy Romanow**, Chair of the Canadian Index of Wellbeing and former Head of the Royal Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada.
- **The Honourable Deb Matthews**, Minister of Health and Long Term Care in Ontario

Other confirmed and invited plenary speakers include: **Dr. Don Berwick** (Head of the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid); the **Honourable Megan Leslie** (Canadian Member of Parliament and Federal Health Critic for Canada's New Democratic Party); the **Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh** (Canadian Member of Parliament and Federal Health Critic for the Liberal Party of Canada); the **Honourable Bernie Sanders**, Senator from Vermont in United States and key advocate for CHCs and **Dr. Michael Rachlis** (Canadian Health Policy Expert and Author of the bestselling Prescription for Excellence: How Innovation is Saving Canada's Health Care System).

Gain on-the-ground insights from health systems around the world:

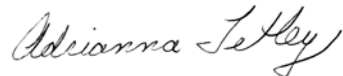
- **Three "country case study" workshops**, in which delegations from Australia, Belgium and Sweden share lessons about community-oriented primary health care in their countries.
- A special two-part workshop in which researchers **Fran Baum (Australia)**, **Ligia Giovanella (Brazil)**, **Sara Javanparast (Australia and Iran)**, **Mirkuzie Woldie Kerie (Ethiopia)**, **Ron Labonté (Canada)** and **David Sanders (South Africa)** engage delegates around critical lessons in community-oriented primary health care stemming from a 22-country international health systems and services research project.
- A workshop engaging delegates in lessons on how to **build and grow international community health centre partnerships** and twinning opportunities around the globe.

Networking sessions and local CHC visits are just a few of the organized opportunities for you to connect with global health care providers, researchers, academics and policy makers -- a world of leaders sharing a common vision of *health for all*.

We look forward to welcoming you in June. If you register by May 2<sup>nd</sup>, you can take advantage of special early bird rates.

Below is an e-flyer we encourage you to circulate with colleagues and partners to expand the scope of participants shaping discussion this June.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adrianna Tetley".

Adrianna Tetley  
Executive Director  
Association of Ontario Health Centres

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### Conference highlights:

- Networking opportunities with Primary Health Care leaders from Canada and around the world.
- Visits to local Community Health Centres.
- Dynamic, interactive sessions highlighting innovations that improve health outcomes, advance health equity, and increase health care sustainability.

**\*PLUS: A performance by legendary singer-songwriter, educator and social activist Buffy Sainte-Marie.**

### Plenary Speakers confirmed to date:

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- visites de centres de santé communautaire locaux;
- séances interactives et dynamiques soulignant les innovations qui améliorent les résultats de santé, font avancer l'équité en santé et renforcent la durabilité des soins de santé;
- \* ET représentation donnée par la légendaire chansonnière, éducatrice et défenseure des droits sociaux Buffy Sainte-Marie.

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### Conférenciers pléniers dont la présence a été confirmée :

- **Jack Geiger**, initiateur du mouvement des centres de santé communautaire aux États-Unis
- **Roy Romanow**, porte-parole de l'Institut du mieux-être du Canada, et ancien premier ministre de la Saskatchewan et président de la Commission sur l'avenir des soins de santé au Canada
- **Jan De Maeseneer**, président du Forum européen pour les soins primaires

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